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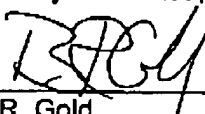
REMARKS

On page 2 of the Office action dated May 28, 2004, claims 1-3 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent Number 6,144,883 in view of U.S. Patent Number 4,819,647.

A terminal disclaimer (form PTO/SB/26) to obviate a double patenting rejection over a prior patent in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) is submitted herewith, along with the approval to charge the appropriate fee of \$110.00, under 37 CFR 1.20(d) to Deposit Account No. 50-0648.

Claims 4-10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. With the submission of a terminal disclaimer, the rejection has been overcome and that the pending claims, claims 1-10, are now in condition for allowance. An indication of allowability at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Enclosures:

Terminal Disclaimer (form PTO/SB/26)

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